

REMARKS

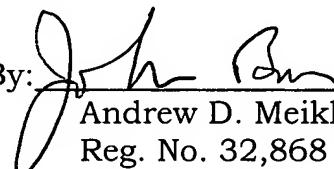
The amendment to the specification is merely to incorporate a cross-reference to the claimed priority application. No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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